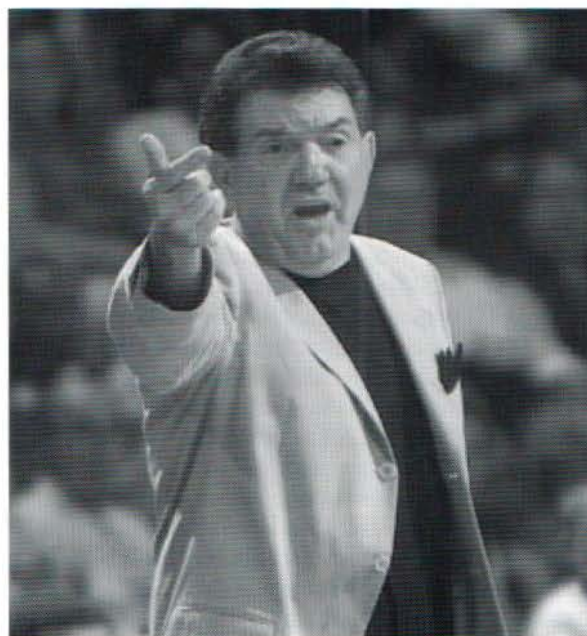




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Hall of Fame women's basketball coach from Louisville who led the Harrison Central High Red Rebels, the Ole Miss Lady Rebels, the WNBA Houston Comets, and the U.S. Olympic women's team to championships...Van is a native of Louisville and was born on September 27, 1943. His full name is Winston Van Chancellor...Van played high school basketball at Louisville High where he averaged 24 points per game as a senior. He then enrolled at East Central Junior College in Decatur where he played two years. From East Central, Van transferred to Mississippi State where he earned a bachelor's degree in math and physical education in 1965. During his senior year at State in Starkville, Coach Chancellor began his illustrious coaching career by guiding the boys basketball team at Noxapater High...One season at Noxapater, Chancellor coached the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade basketball teams plus the junior varsity team and the varsity boys and girls teams--an amazing total of 121 basketball games. Following college graduation, Van remained with the Noxapater High team one more season before being named head boys and girls basketball coach at Horn Lake High. In seven seasons, he led the Horn Lake boys squad to a mark of 164-51 and the girls team to a record of 173-52 for an impressive overall ledger of 337-103...Chancellor then moved to the Gulf Coast at Harrison Central High where he led the basketball teams to state crowns. During his five-year tenure, Van guided the Red Rebels boys team to a record of 121-36 and the Red Rebelettes girls squad to a mark of 156-24 for an overall record of 277-62. Overall, he led all his high school teams to a phenomenal mark of 638-191...In 1978, at the still-young age of 34, Van was hired by Ole Miss athletic director and MSHOF member Warner Alford to guide the Lady Rebel basketball program. Chancellor would lead the Lady Rebels for the next 19 years and create a program that was recognized as one of the best in the nation and in the Southeastern Conference...Under Van's guidance, the Lady Rebels posted a winning percentage of .740 with an overall record of 439-154, made 14 NCAA Tournament appearances, and the program was renowned as one of the premier women's basketball programs in America. He paced the Lady Rebels to appearances in 4 NCAA Elite Eights, 5 NCAA Sweet Sixteens, and one SEC regular season crown.....As a collegiate coach, Chancellor ranks 14th in all-time winning percentage among women's college basketball coaches...Van never had a losing



overall record at Ole Miss despite competing in one of the toughest conferences in the nation for women's hoops. Fifteen of Coach Chancellor's teams netted 20 or more wins and 14 were ranked in the final Associated Press Division 1 poll. Eight of his teams were also ranked in the final USA Today poll, which is tabulated after the NCAA Tournament...Chancellor's teams produced many memorable seasons at Ole Miss, including his very first season when his Ole Miss Lady Rebels posted a 31-9 record and claimed the Mississippi State AIAW Championship by defeating MSHOF member Margaret Wade's Delta State squad by a 77-70 score...Van's first Ole Miss teams were led by Lady Rebel all-time scorer and MSHOF member Peggie Gillom and current Ole Miss coach Carol Ross....His 1981-82 squad compiled a mark of 27-5 and made the school's first ever NCAA tournament appearance falling to Memphis State on the Lady Tiger home court by a 72-70 score...The Lady Rebels would reel off 11 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tourney before the 1992-93 squad failed to receive an invitation with a record of 19-10. Van would lead Ole Miss to 3 more NCAA tournament appearances for a total of 14...The 1982-83 Lady Rebels, under Van's guidance, finished 26-6 and made history by beating Alabama 72-62 to send the team to its first SEC Tournament championship game. After losing in the finals to Georgia, Van's 82-83 team made more school history by knocking off Florida State

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96-76 to secure the program's first NCAA Tournament win....One of Van's best Ole Miss teams played in the 1984-85 season when the Lady Rebels won 24 straight games, posted a 29-3 record, and advanced to the Elite Eight and the finals of the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional before being upset on the road by Western Kentucky by the score of 72-68. Van's team defeated Tennessee and Pat Summitt 63-60 in the victory that sent Ole Miss to the school's first NCAA Tournament regional title game...The 85-86 squad had a ledger of 24-8 overall. Van then guided the Lady Rebels to two straight Sweet Sixteen appearances as the 1986-87 team finished 25-5 and the 1987-88 Ole Miss team was 24-7 overall....The Lady Rebs under Chancellor returned to the Elite Eight in 1988-89 as Ole Miss was 23-8 and lost a shot at the Final Four by dropping a 77-51 decision to Auburn in the regional finals....After another Sweet Sixteen appearance with the 1989-90 team that finished 22-10, and a first round NCAA tournament loss at Stephen F. Austin with a 20-9 squad in the 1990-91 season, Coach Chancellor prepared for the 1991-92 season with abandon. His 1991-92 Lady Rebel team made school history by going 29-3 overall and a perfect 11-0 in SEC regular season play in a newly expanded conference format to clinch the program's first SEC Championship. The 1991-92 version of Van's Lady Rebels set another school milestone by winning 25 consecutive games and appearing once again in the NCAA Elite Eight. The Lady Rebels captured the SEC regular season title by beating Vanderbilt 59-57 in Oxford.....Coach Chancellor's 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, and 1984-85 teams won or shared SEC Western Division crowns and his 1979-80 and 1982-83 Lady Rebel squads played in the title game of the SEC Tournament...On February 1, 1995, Coach Chancellor reached a coaching landmark as the Lady Rebels beat Southern University 90-43 for Van's 400th win....Coach Chancellor had a flair for defeating rival Mississippi State during his coaching days at Ole Miss. Van had beaten the Lady Bulldogs four straight times until his squad lost on the road at Starkville in the 1980-81 season by a score of 86-83. He then began a streak of 32 consecutive wins over the Lady Rebel arch foe, the longest SEC victory streak in women's basketball between league opponents. Van's overall record at Ole Miss in games against Mississippi State before his departure was an amazing 36-1 including wins on the road, at home, and in the SEC Tournament. In 1991-92, after his team won the

SEC regular season crown, he was named SEC Coach of the Year for the third time in his college coaching career. The award was voted on by the league's coaches and Chancellor was only the fourth coach in SEC women's basketball history to receive this honor on three occasions as he also received this accolade in 1989-90 and 1986-87. Van was also selected that season as the National Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball News Service and *World Almanac*. After the 1994-95 campaign, Van was chosen as the Mississippi Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year...On April 29, 1997, Coach Chancellor was selected as head coach and general manager of the Houston Comet franchise of the newly formed WNBA. When he departed Ole Miss after 19 seasons, he was considered to be one of the top collegiate coaches in America and ranked just behind elite names such as Pat Summitt of Tennessee, Jody Conradt of Texas, and MSHOF member Sue Gunter of LSU...Entering his 8th season in 2004 with the Comets, Chancellor ranked as the winningest coach in WNBA history with a 161-79 regular season mark and an 18-9 record in the playoffs. In his professional coaching debut season, Van's Comets seized the first of four WNBA championships and were the only team in the league that qualified for the playoffs in each of the past seven seasons...Chancellor is the only head coach in the WNBA to have been with his original team since the league's inception in 1997...After guiding All SEC and All American players in the college ranks, Van quickly established himself as a top notch coach in the pro ranks. In his first year with the Comets, Chancellor led the team to an 18-10 mark, the best record in the league, and his first of four consecutive conference titles. In 1998, Van's Houston team set numerous league records en route to a decisive 27-3 finish and a second WNBA title. The team's .900 winning percentage in the regular season is still the best finish in the history of professional basketball, men or women. The Comets also recorded 15 consecutive wins between June 27 and July 30, the longest streak in team history. Following the season, Chancellor had his first taste of international competition as he coached the 1998 WNBA touring team, a squad of elite WNBA players who competed against the best teams in Brazil....Van and his Houston team spent the 1999 season on an emotional roller coaster. Chancellor helped guide the team to a 26-6 regular season record and a third WNBA Championship...During the 2000 season, Chancellor and the Comets won

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their fourth consecutive WNBA Championship and became the only professional sports franchise in the United States in the past decade to win four straight titles. The Comets concluded the regular season with a 27-5 record and perfect 6-0 mark in the playoffs. Chancellor led his team to a 19-13 mark in 2001 and a fifth-consecutive trip to the playoffs. In 2002, Chancellor guided the Comets to a 24-8 record and a sixth journey to the playoffs. The Comets won a franchise-best 13 consecutive home games (May 29-August 6) and finished with the WNBA's best home record (14-2). Sheryl Swoopes returned to play, and, for the second time in her career, captured both the WNBA MVP and Defensive Player Award in the same season...In his 7th season with Houston, Van led his team to a 20-14 record and a spot in the 2003 WNBA playoffs. Houston's defense again led the way, ranking first in the WNBA for the fewest points allowed per game (63) for the fourth time under Chancellor's watch.

Van has received many WNBA honors due to his team's success on the court. He earned WNBA Coach of the Year honors three consecutive seasons (1997-1999) and was named head coach of the Western Conference All-star team three straight years (1999-2001)...When you combine the total number of Van's wins and losses in high school, college, and WNBA teams, he has an incredible coaching record of 1,227 wins against 399 losses out of 1,626 games...In addition to his coaching experience in the WNBA, Van guided the 2002 USA Basketball Women's World Championship Team to a perfect 9-0 record and the gold medal at the 14th FIBA World Championship for Women held in the People's Republic of China from September 14-25, 2002. Named to his position on November 8, 2001, just prior to the tip-off of the World Championships, Van only had one practice with the entire 12 member squad before competing in Australia. He then led his team to a successful run in the championships by going 6-0 in the preliminary round, blasting Spain and Australia in the quarterfinals and semifinals. Chancellor's USA squad then held off Russia 79-74 for the United States' seventh gold medal in World Championship play...Van also led the USA Basketball Women's World Championship Team to a 4-0 mark and the 2002 Opals World Challenge title in pre-tournament action. His work with the team earned Chancellor the honor of USA Basketball 2002 National Coach of the Year and his Women's World Championship Team was named 2002 USA Basketball Team of the Year. On June 10, 2003, an

emotional Chancellor was named head coach for the 2004 USA Basketball Women's Olympic Team, which competed in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece (Aug. 13-29). Van's 2004 USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team closed out its 13-game spring training with an unblemished 13-0 record (3-0 in Cuba series, 6-0 on European Tour, 4-0 on Domestic Tour).

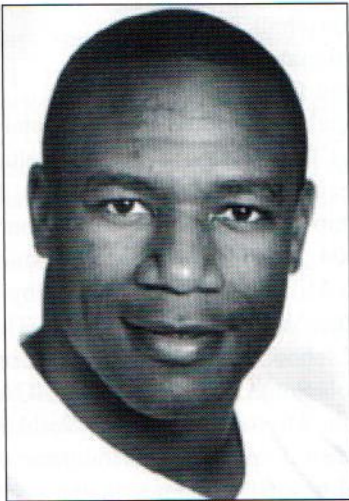
Chancellor then led the U.S. team to an undefeated run in the 2004 Olympic games as the ladies captured the gold medal by defeating Australia 74-63 in Athens, Greece, on August 28, 2004. Van's squad took the gold medal on the same day as his 42nd wedding anniversary...Following his Olympic victory, Van was named by USA Basketball as National Coach of the year, making him the second two-time winner of the award. (Larry Brown won the honor in 1991 and 2003)...Chancellor also received the award established in 1996 after leading the USA team to the World Championship in 2002... Armed with a fabulous personality and down home Mississippi humor, Chancellor has also worked as color commentary for women's college basketball on ESPN/ESPN 2. Chancellor's other visits behind the microphone include color analysis for several radio broadcasts for the University of Houston Lady Cougars basketball and as substitute color analyst on several TV broadcasts for the Houston Rockets...Van is a tireless contributor to the community and his church. On December 23, 2003, he hosted a group in serving a special holiday lunch and delivering gifts to the Open Door Mission in Houston...A book published in the fall of 1999 entitled *Nothin' But A Champion* chronicled Chancellor's life from his childhood in Mississippi through his third WNBA Championship with the Comets...Chancellor was named as *Clarion Ledger* Co-Sportsman of the Year for 2004 along with Edwards native and sprinter Otis Harris. On December 27, 1999, Van was selected by Sports Illustrated as one of Mississippi's 50 Greatest Sports Figures as he made #35 on the special list commemorating the turn of the century. With his induction into the MSHOF, Van will be a member of four athletic halls of fame. He was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, TN, on June 9, 2001. Chancellor was inducted into the Ole Miss M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame on August 31, 2002 and he was selected to the East Central CC Athletic Hall of Fame in October, 1998. He was recently nominated for the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

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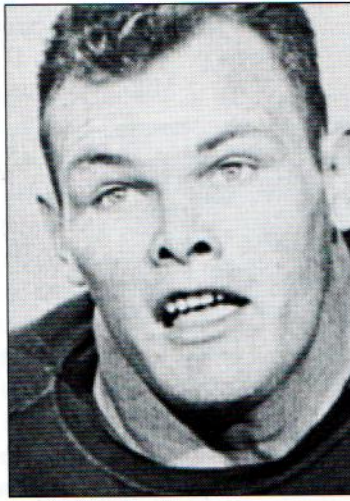
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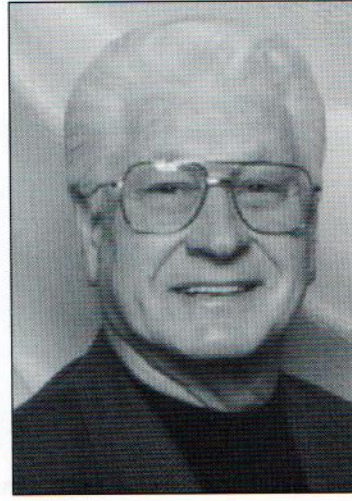
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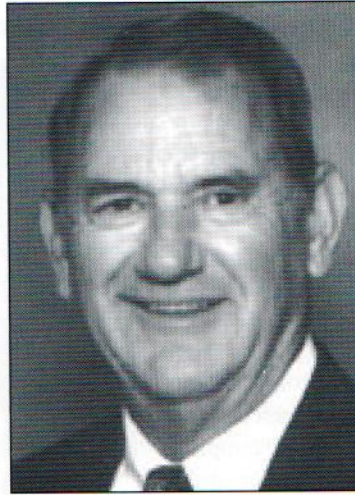
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